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16 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
 4 Pages of Claims (Claims 1 - 18 )  
 5 Sheet(s) of Drawings  
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7. 5 pages of drawings; and
8. Two return postcards.